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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

POST POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-33 (Sub-No. 249X)

October 16, 2007

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

(X) Notice of Exemption () Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

() **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on August 17, 2007 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended one environmental condition and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. On September 6, 2007, SEA issued a Post Environmental Assessment (Post EA) recommending that the condition recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority.


Comments

SEA received one comment after issuance of the Post EA. On September 27, 2007, UP submitted a letter from the California Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Parks and Recreation (State Historic Preservation Officer or SHPO) dated September 24, 2007 stating that the proposed abandonment would have no effect on historic properties.

Therefore, SEA recommends that the section 106 historic preservation condition imposed in the August 17, 2007 decision and the Post EA be removed.

Conclusions

SEA recommends that the Section 106 historic preservation condition recommended in the EA and in the Post EA be removed.

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Gabriel S. Meyer
Assistant General Attorney

September 27, 2007

Via Electronic Filing

The Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Docket No. AB 33 (Sub. No. 249-X)—Discontinuance of service on the Loyalton Industrial Lead from Milepost 0.55 near Hawley to Milepost 11.62 near Loyalton and an exempt abandonment from Milepost 11.62 to Milepost 12.34 near Loyalton, a total distance of 11.79 miles in Plumas and Sierra Counties, California.

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the above-referenced matter, attached is a copy of a letter from the California Office of Historic Preservation ("OHP") for entry into the record. The OHP finds that the discontinuance and abandonment Union Pacific Railroad Company's Loyalton Industrial Lead will have no effect on historic properties.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Attachment

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September 24, 2007

Reply To: STB070510A

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Re: Proposed Discontinuance of the Loyaltan Industrial Lead from MP 0.55 near East Portola to MP 11.62 near Loyaltan and Abandonment from MP 11.62 to MP 12.34 near Loyaltan, in Plumas and Sierra Counties, CA

Dear Mr. Meyers:

You have provided me with information regarding how the above project may affect historic properties. You have done this, and are consulting with me, in order to enable the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and implementing regulations codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

I have reviewed the documentation furnished and considered your recommendation to the STB that there are no historic properties that may be affected by these undertakings. Based on that review, I have the following comments:

- 1) The project, as described, will have no effect on historic properties.
- 2) I would not object to an official finding by the STB that there are no historic properties that may be affected by these undertakings.
- 3) I will assume that the STB has made this finding unless I hear to the contrary from them within 15 calendar days of their receiving a copy of this letter.

Thank you for considering historic properties during project planning. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Lindquist of my staff at (916) 654-0631 or e-mail at nlindquist@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Susan K. Shattuck for'.

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
State Historic Preservation Officer